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Estimated Carloads of Perishable and Semi-perishable Domestically Produced Commodities  
That Normally Move in Refrigerator Cars, by Months for 1945, 1946 and 1947 1

	Margarine and butterine		Fresh fruits & vegetables		Meats		Butter		Cheese		Eggs		Poultry dressed		Canned milk		Canned food stuffs		Total
Beverages	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Estimated cars, November 1946	21,945	424	80,577	29,144	1,675	2,011	4,505	5,182	5,250	45,800	196,513								
Estimated cars, November 1945	23,100	390	81,625	35,668	1,695	2,063	3,165	4,959	4,419	44,200	201,284								
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.7	-1.3	-18.3	-1.2	-2.5	42.3	4.5	15.8	3.6	-2.4								
Estimated cars, December 1946	22,617	410	79,601	31,579	1,480	1,292	2,923	4,856	4,748	41,381	190,887								
Estimated cars, December 1945	23,307	377	74,446	35,338	1,623	1,643	2,669	4,845	4,316	40,570	189,634								
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0	8.8	6.9	-10.6	-8.8	-21.4	9.5	0.2	10.0	2.0	0.7								
Estimated cars, January 1947	20,801	350	89,829	21,540	1,579	1,637	2,860	2,678	4,277	38,352	183,903								
Number cars shipped January 1946	21,221	343	83,916	28,758	1,542	1,819	3,011	2,880	4,364	37,600	185,454								
Percentage increase or decrease	-2.0	2.0	7.0	-25.1	2.4	-10.0	-5.0	-7.0	-2.0	2.0	-0.8								
Number cars shipped February 1946	20,858	274	73,662	28,171	1,294	1,520	2,738	1,585	4,391	35,473	169,966								
Number cars shipped February 1945	19,406	126	75,324	28,301	1,867	1,512	3,099	1,670	4,458	34,847	170,910								
Percentage increase or decrease	6.1	-35.7	-2.2	-0.5	-30.7	0.5	-11.6	-5.1	-1.5	1.8	-0.6								
Estimated cars, March 1946	19,418	410	85,379	27,951	1,822	1,523	3,907	1,714	5,299	42,193	189,616								
Number cars shipped March 1945	21,576	481	83,831	31,224	2,119	1,876	3,946	1,632	5,566	40,879	193,130								
Percentage increase or decrease	-10.0	-14.8	1.8	-10.5	-14.0	-18.8	-1.0	5.0	-4.8	3.2	-1.8								
Estimated cars, April 1946	16,227	500	89,377	24,454	1,572	1,160	3,933	1,107	6,665	28,396	173,391								
Estimated cars, April 1945	20,160	562	75,264	25,231	2,110	1,523	3,894	1,059	6,784	27,930	164,517								
Percentage increase or decrease	-19.5	-11.0	18.8	-2.7	-25.5	-23.8	1.0	4.5	-1.8	1.7	5.4								

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	Margarine and butterine		Fresh fruits & vegetables		Meats		Butter		Cheese		Eggs		Poultry dressed		Canned milk		Canned food stuffs		Total
	Beverages	/2	/3	/4	/5	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/3	/6	/6		
Estimated cars, May 1946	17,228		311	86,337	25,423	1,827	1,623	5,150	1,525	8,567	30,133	178,124							
Estimated cars, May 1945	20,584		394	81,157	28,687	2,426	1,892	5,202	1,525	9,225	29,114	180,206							
Percentage increase or decrease	-16.3		-21.1	6.4	-11.4	-24.7	-14.2	-1.0	0.0	-7.1	3.5	-1.2							
Estimated cars, June 1946	16,964		228	89,179	19,577	2,145	2,097	5,669	1,681	8,675	33,960	180,175							
Estimated cars, June 1945	19,458		193	79,324	29,501	3,072	1,974	5,441	2,014	9,741	32,654	183,372							
Percentage increase or decrease	-12.8		18.1	12.4	-33.6	-30.2	6.2	4.2	-16.5	-10.9	4.0	-1.7							
Estimated cars, July 1946	19,349		427	85,798	39,760	2,556	1,867	4,591	2,147	6,612	34,684	197,791							
Estimated cars, July 1945	20,625		389	79,383	32,357	3,138	2,134	5,013	2,147	8,809	32,876	186,871							
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.2		9.8	8.1	22.9	-18.5	-12.5	-8.4	0.0	-24.9	5.5	5.8							
Estimated cars, August 1946	20,663		522	78,995	31,258	2,386	2,118	4,282	2,423	5,516	35,660	183,823							
Estimated cars, August 1945	21,982		551	72,111	31,449	2,763	2,540	4,649	2,347	7,354	33,484	179,230							
Percentage increase or decrease	-6.0		-5.3	9.5	-0.6	-13.6	-16.6	-7.9	3.2	-25.0	6.5	2.6							
Estimated cars, September 1946	20,417		403	93,770	25,600	1,820	2,491	4,119	2,700	4,370	39,841	195,531							
Estimated cars, September 1945	21,492		380	86,920	29,247	1,880	2,542	3,843	2,635	5,824	36,186	190,949							
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		6.1	7.9	-12.5	-3.2	-2.0	7.2	2.5	-25.0	10.1	2.4							
Estimated cars, October 1946	23,117		641	96,200	30,997	1,385	2,552	4,303	3,747	3,731	43,953	210,626							
Estimated cars, October 1945	24,334		590	100,744	30,201	1,635	1,860	3,485	3,569	4,664	42,952	214,034							
Percentage increase or decrease	-5.0		8.6	-4.5	2.6	-15.3	37.2	23.5	5.0	-20.0	2.3	-1.6							

<sup>1</sup> For certain commodities, particularly bottled and canned beer and canned foodstuffs, the use of refrigerator cars is essential only during those months when protection from the cold is required.

<sup>2</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated less 5 percent is the estimate for January, February and March 1945 and for January and February 1946.

<sup>3</sup> ICC Statement No. M-500 carloads originated are used in January, February and March 1945 and in January and February 1946.

<sup>4</sup> Fruit and Vegetable Branch, Production and Marketing Administration. October, November, December 1946 and January 1947 are estimates; all other figures are actual shipments. Approximately 1.5% of all fresh fruits and vegetables are frozen; frozen foods and watermelons not included in these shipments.

<sup>5</sup> In January, February and March 1945 and January and February 1946 this figure is the sum of ICC classification 210, 220 and 222 carloads originated, less canned meats. The other 9 months of 1945, 10 months of 1946 and January 1947 are estimates on the same basis.

<sup>6</sup> In January, February and March 1945 and January and February 1946 this figure is ICC classification 680, carloads originated plus canned meats but less canned milk. The other 9 months of 1945, 10 months of 1946 and January 1947 are estimates of the same movement.